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Recycle electronics December 7 at the Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride

The Town of Estes Park will sponsor electronics recycling services Saturday, December 7, at the Fairgrounds Park-n-Ride lot off Manford Avenue. The collection takes place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This is an opportunity to conveniently and responsibly recycle old television sets, computers, cell phones, iPods and many other electronics. More than 95 percent of all materials will be fully recycled for remanufacture; no materials will be incinerated or land-filled.

Metech Recycling provides this service and charges as follows:
- Televisions and monitors up to 20 inches - $10 each
- Televisions and monitors 21 to 32 inches - $18 each
- Televisions larger than 32 inches - $25 each
- All other electronics (large) - $5 each
- All other electronics (small) - $1 each
- Computers/Desktops/Laptops - No charge
- Cell phones, PDAs, iPods/MP3 players - No charge

Metech can accept payment by cash or check only. A full list of accepted electronics may be found at www.metechrecycling.com/list.htm. For more information on this electronics recycling program, please contact Metech Recycling at 720-377-7700.

On July 1, 2013 it became illegal to dispose of most electronic waste (e-waste) in Colorado landfills. The change is a result of a new law, the Electronic Recycling Jobs Act. Electronic devices should be kept out of landfills and properly recycled to recover materials and reduce the energy demands from mining and manufacturing. Electronics are made from valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper and engineered plastics, all of which require considerable energy to process and manufacture. Recycling electronics recovers valuable materials and as a result, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, saves energy and saves resources by reducing the need for raw material. The public is strongly encouraged to recycle their e-waste through community collection events, manufacturer take-back programs or a reputable electronics recycling company.

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